

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1113 without my signature.

This bill would significantly expand the cost recovery for successful plaintiffs under the private attorney general statute to include the recovery of costs and expert witness fees. Broadening already substantial awards could encourage more unfounded litigation and exponentially increase liability in potentially unjustifiable situations. During a year where the economy is struggling to get back on its feet, the effects could be devastating.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger